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## LA FOLLETTE THE STANDARD BEARER OF PROGRESS.

This is certain: The American people hate cowards in public life and they will believe, rightly enough, that La Follette, posing as a true leader and source of inspiration and courage, has shown the white feather. It will be impossible for him to make the people of the United States believe that he would have opposed reciprocity if there had been no powerful interests in his own State adverse to such a compact with Canada.

And now La Follette, whose stock in trade has been the cry for progress, is placed before the country as an anti-progressive, by his own words and acts. The pending reciprocity agreement may not be progress enough in the direction of free trade. It may not be the best possible tariff agreement with Canada. But it is progress. That fact is entirely clear. The nation knows that the pending compact is the fruit of the spirit which means onward movement. It is not reactionary. It is not standpatriatism. It means change and advance.

Hence La Follette's fight against reciprocity is opposition to progress. It is an attempt, as futile as it is unworthy, to prevent change in the direction of free trade. The amendments the Wisconsin candidate says that he will offer cannot better his position. They are too palpably intended to prevent the ratification of the reciprocity tariff, fairer or more expedient, but to make any reciprocity with Canada impossible.

In that sense the fight the Wisconsin orator is making is misleading, tricky and cowardly. And indirection, timidity and deceit are poor cards for any man to play in the great game which has the Presidency for its prize.—Cleveland Leader.

We usually have respect for the Leader's opinions. They generally are conceived in honesty, candor and intelligence. But the above is a frightful mistake for an honest man to make. The man who wrote those paragraphs must have been either badly informed about the bravest, most persevering political leader of his generation, or he must have written what he knows to be false. La Follette, pictured "lying down" because of powerful "interests" in his State! La Follette represented to be afraid of Big Business and hence a quitter! La Follette the enemy of progress!

Great heavens!

Where has the Leader's editor been asleep for fifteen years?

Where did the iron-nerve of La Follette ever fail him or his country?

Who has led every fight against Special Privileges—leg & alone and single-handed for months and years before the country woke up—but the undaunted Wisconsin patriot?

What man curbed the corporations in his own State, secured a freight rate law, obtained model insurance laws, and obtained the acknowledgement of high authorities of having the best governed State in the Union?

What Senator has had the mettle to publish a weekly newspaper giving the voice of the men who represent corporations and monopolies instead of people, and shown up every infernal scoundrel in Washington?

Who has gone into the districts and States and told the people on the platform how their Representatives and Senators basely deserted them and became the agents and tools and hired men of corporations?

And now after La Follette has demonstrated beyond a doubt his sincerity, his strength, his honor, his manhood, his true democratic spirit, the Cleveland Leader would misrepresent one act and then undertake to falsify his character and misrepresent his position before the American people.

Why the Leader certainly cannot have forgotten how T. S. sent "Sunny Jim" Sherman to Wisconsin to "hold a convention" of the standpatriots on the Senatorial matter and in the report went out that they had "held the meetin'." But La Follette explained—merely observed that the convention held by Sherman to do things was only a mob and that Wisconsin had a direct primary law and under that the people would select a United States Senator. Afterwise the primary was called the "Sunny Jimites" and "Taftites" numbered 42,000 and the La Follettes numbered 142,000.

On yes, La Follette and his steel-clad forces have "laid down" in the Leader office, but nowhere else on the Lord's earth, thank heaven. And it is a safe guess he'll never lie down until he passes from the militant forces of this earth, the most virile figure of the age and the greatest soldier of democracy to the summerland where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

But why does the Leader desire to misrepresent La Follette at this juncture? La Follette is opposing the reciprocity treaty with Canada because it doesn't go far enough, because the real extortions in woolens, plate glass, rubber, cottons, structural iron, etc., are not touched by this matter and he is ready to introduce a real tariff reform removing burdens from the shoulders of the people to the amount of \$200,000,000. La Follette wants a real reform. He thinks it unfair for the President to legislate by treaty and then hit none of the real robberies, piracies, jokers, sleepers, snakes, extortions and other monstrosities of the tariff and take great credit to himself for such small matter. La Follette is a man who doesn't believe in playing with this big business engaged in robbing us. He is ready now to hit it with an axe. Taft says, himself, the woollen tariff is robbery. La Follette says, "Let us cut it down." Taft says, "No, let us wait until the Taft board has had time to report. That board has had only a year and a half to work on schedule K and it can't get ready to report until next winter or later."

What a self-evident fraud! If it takes eighteen months on one schedule when will that board ever accomplish anything?

So here we have these factors. Taft wants to open up a little peace of ground for Canada possibly because he is a patriot and it may be in part for his effect on his own candidacy, and La Follette desires to reconstruct the iniquitous and the infamous and the unjust and the extortionate Alrich tariff law for the benefit of the American people. Which man shines in moral grandeur in the comparison?

Now, if the editor of the Leader was fit to be the editor of such a great paper it would seem that he should know these facts and if he did know them and suppressed them what must we think of him? And if he did not know them he ought to read the current news and inform himself.

It is the duty of a great newspaper to teach the truth and not to so write on public affairs as to mislead the uninformed and to foster prejudice and falsehood.

We believe that Senator La Follette, in this matter, has made a tactical mistake. It is our opinion that he should support Taft's reciprocity treaty. But it should not be done so because it relieves any of the mean, despicable outrages of 150 and 200 per cent. tariffs. It should be supported for broad national reasons, because we should treat Canadians well for it is manifest destiny that the flag of our imperial republic is ultimately to ways over this North American continent—at least over all land lying north of Mexico.

Of course, we are in no hurry about it. When they get in a hurry, over there, to have it happen it will be opportune to consider it.

Seeing that it is not, from a parliamentary view-point, possible to get real legislative relief on "robbery by tariff" Senator La Follette would have been wiser, we think, in this matter, to have supported the reciprocity measure and bidden his time on his own great patriotic measure to kill the tariff serpents.

But one mistake does not kill a character built up by a life-time of great toil and service to the people of this country. Taft has made some mistakes of his own. There, for instance, was the signing of the Aldrich law, his eulogy of Aldrich at Boston, the Winona speech, the refusal of patronage to the Insurgents and the way they lured him into restoring it, the support of the whole rotten Ballinger affair which reeks from beginning to end and contains at least one effort to deceive the people which Brandeis uncovered and Taft's final letter which was of distinctly low tone and unworthy of any official in public life. We believe it is generally regarded the worst letter ever written by a President—we refer to the one written to Ballinger when that party resigned.

Yes, Mr. Taft has some mistakes to his record. His apologists should

not revel in a little one made by La Follette.

But the future may show that this movement of La Follette's to unload robbery by the monopolies to the amount of \$200,000,000 may not be a mistake. We have assumed that as a probability just now. But we reserve the right to change our opinion on it. La Follette has fed nearly all the great governmental reforms of this age. He may be just moving up his forces on a new firing line. Never be sure that La Follette is wrong until the problem is settled. He has won or is winning every proposition he has agitated for a decade.

## PROTECTION ON TRIAL.

The editor of the Ohio State Journal says protection is on trial now. The question is whether the people will stand for it longer. Behind the protective tariff monopolies have organized and the people are being held up and robbed most outrageously by the promoters and manipulators of large capital. Then again the tariff is sectional. It benefits most manufacturing peoples. And it helps some rich men to pile up great fortunes by manipulation, while it permits laboring men frequently but small a wage. Even in the steel mills only a few skilled laborers get very high wages. Our study of this matter leads us to believe that the people of this country will stand for moderate tariffs. These should be founded on common sense and good business. These tariffs should be high enough to keep our industries running—to keep all the business we have here now and add to it year by year. But when it comes to tariff for exploitation and robbery there a cut should be made promptly. We hold 382 per cent. on plate glass is too high; that 178 per cent. on Swiss Brandy is excessive; that 41 per cent. on bleached cotton cloth is not warranted; that 87 per cent. on salvaged cotton knit goods is a gouge; that 91 per cent. on gilt netting is too much; tariffs that 165 per cent. on woolen blankets is extortionate; that 126 per cent. on steel buttons may provide for a steal; that 138 per cent. on playing cards looks like a grab; that 23 per cent. on pocket knives is unfair and hence the whole tariff needs investigation and many items to be cut down.

Ex-President Diaz gave out an interview at Vigo, Spain. He contemplates going to Havre, France, and then to Switzerland. But his plans are indefinite. He mourns his expatriation from Mexico and defends his rule. Pleading for sympathy he seems to forget how he ordered many patriots of Mexico shot down without a fair trial.

There is a big crop of cherries in Ohio this year and they are bringing in the market from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per bushel.

Noticing what a good time Roosevelt is having, Diaz thinks he would prefer to stay at home and be a grand old ex-president.

Insurgents in the Senate only ask for a Lorimer investigation that will not be a rearranged whitewashing festival.

Now that the Tobacco trust has been put through the Supreme Court, stemmer it is not much to look at.

Kentucky oats has suffered greatly from the drouth and heat in May, but here's hoping nothing has happened to the good old rye.

Our seasons are changing! There are not so many showers and, nor near so many June birds as there used to be.

## GREAT JUBILEE MOVEMENT ON

## Splendid Meetings Held at Evangelical Church.

## MANY FINE SPEECHES MADE

## Missionary Societies Are Doing a Grand Work.

Entertaining and Instructive Reports Are Made of Progress of Various Fields at the Calvary Evangelical Church Where Missionaries Are Practically all Denominations Attending Services—Meetings to Continue Over Sunday.

A large audience gathered at Calvary Evangelical church Friday evening to listen to a number of addresses on "Golden Jubilee meetings held across the continent within the last few months in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the first woman's foreign missionary society, Mrs. W. L. Naumann, of Cleveland, President of the Ohio Conference Branch, Miss Nellie Gold of Columbus, Mrs. E. M. Spengler the President of the General Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association were the speakers.

In brief, entertaining, instructive and stirring reports, these speakers gave the audience a glimpse of the great Jubilee movement that swept from the Pacific to the Atlantic in thirty-three central gatherings, and many sub-meetings, touching directly thousands of women, and providing a glorious fund of more than a million dollars. This fund is a special offering for missionary work through the doors of the several denominations.

Mr. A. J. Diefenderfer, of Findlay, read a pointed paper on tithing, his subject being "The Christian's Money." In this connection one of the mottoes hung in the church became very suggestive. It reads, "Not how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself." Tithing as a principle of the Christian life was emphasized by Mrs. Diefenderfer. She said that if the members of the churches brought the tenth to the Lord there would be no need of church suppers, fairs and sales to raise money for the work of the church.

Mrs. Bennett of Cleveland composed the beautiful Jubilee hymn with which the services of Friday evening closed.

tions have their own missionary societies and women's boards, and last year \$4,000,000 was sent to the foreign mission \$14,000,000; chowking, gold, \$15,000,000; jewelry, \$60,000,000; patent medicine, \$75,000,000; ice cream and soda, \$107,000,000; candy, \$178,000,000. Whose money is it?

"The resources of God are promised to those who undertake the program of God."

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